



PATENT APPLICATION

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For: WATERPROOFING APPARATUS FOR TERMINAL CONNECTING PORTION OF
SHEATHED WIRE

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 2, 2002, please consider the following
remarks:

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REMARKS

Dealing with preliminary matters first, Applicant submits herewith corrected Figures 4A and 4B labeled "PRIOR ART", as requested by the Examiner.

Claims 1 and 2 are all the claims pending in the application and have been rejected under § 103 as being unpatentable over the admitted prior art (Figs. 4A and 4B) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,620,711 (Saito). For the following reasons, Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

In the invention is directed to an apparatus for waterproofing a terminal connecting portion of a sheathed wire 10. According to the invention, the apparatus includes an upper mold